GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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USER DEVELOPMENT FEE AT THIRUVANANTHPURAM AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India is aware about the imposition of user development fee at the Thiruvananthapuram international airport; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. User Development Fee (UDF) is being levied at Thiruvananthapuram airport to bridge the gap between the targeted/regulated rate of return on investments made and the expected post tax returns of Trivandrum airport, considering the projected growth in revenue, expenses and pasenger and aircraft traffic, etc. at Trivandrum airport.

The levy of UDF has been fixed by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA), which i s a quasi judicial independent authority.